

DIARY NO. 8.  
FEBRUARY 1870 - OCTOBER 1870

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P. 2. Dr. Dumbriads - made medicines - also bottle of Sassafras -  
charged 1/2 dollars.

Hand. P. 12. Frequent robberies & murders at Benet - local fort. v. weak.

P. 12. New Serai to be built at mouth of Astur on left bank.  
Present one in town set up for sale by auction - Pasla of B'dad  
has determined to shift the present position of the serai -  
- Has begun to build fort. houses on the shore of the  
Rivier, such as Serai, Custom House & an office for the  
Turkish steamers.

P. 15. Capt. Holland gave a office in the Jecmroachi Garden.  
Busy with Photography, did not go.

P. 18. Frederick Blacky not to act as Agent at Benet -  
speaking etc.

Hand. P. 19. Mess and Bay arrived from Bombay & Kercachi on the  
'Orientat', he has bought a v. long Rivier Steamer of the  
Indus with 2 barges in tow for the Turkish fort.  
for 65000 Rupees.

P. 21. Passed The Turkish S. V. Akroir "Yex" going down  
with troops for America to be exchanged. She is  
commanded now by a Fr. man who came up from  
Bombay sometime ago to be employed.

- P. 22 S.V. Fox - 29th. on her way down after leaving Amoria - broke herself - Peddle Base smashed along the Bank.
- P. 23 31st. Torrents of rain - streets flooded  
fame a dinner - guests came on horseback.
- P. 24. Out by Turkish Govt. after boat - Wld. ind. pay -  
Referred to Constantinople thro. the Resident
- P. 25 Fox smashed herself in going down near the Pillar -  
Bayded tried to save & she got smashed.  
Euphrates sent up for Bank.
- April 3.1 P. 26. Cloud of dust - wind - flood late - ship began  
to roll heavily. In great danger.
- 11th. P. 30 Death of Isaac Lophos.
- P. 32. Left boat - had a narrow escape in passing the newly cut  
canal - the current v. strong running into it & drove the  
ship towards the bank.
- P. 34 Misfortune befell the Turkish steamer 'Jayra' bought of  
Messard & Co at Bombay - 65,000 Rupees.  
She has been broken right in two on a rock in the  
Persian Gulf - 9 one of the barges sunk  
Col. Pelly Resident of Bushra sent a gun-boat as Arabs

want to plunder her. SS Brussa getting ready to go to her rescue - Messud Bey coming from Fin B'det. 9 one of his officers who came from Beaulay in the Sargis came up in Abyssinia to report them to the Turks.

P. 36. Preparations for Bloober's marriage with Isabella on Saturday 30th.

P. 37. Invitations to all Europeans for wedding dinner.

P. 37. Garden of Navab Mhd. Ali Khan near the Dabbabun. Mr. Ryei - M'ham & S. McLensky employees of the Turkish Telegraph - had dinner.

P. 38. Profession at home - books & servants working for last few days.

P. 38. 30th. APRIL Wedding Ceremony performed by Colonel - Navab Ismail al-Dabbab. Breakfast for over 50 in the Vescudal. BLOOBER and CAROLINA. Fellowship done - Eliza not to go with him.

P. 40. The Dividend of our steamers for the year 1869 came to 10% profit despite Turkish competition.

P. 42. May 9th. Turkish s.v. Bagdad with troops for America.

P. 46. Sister Enelci with Alice on 5 'city of London' going down for a pleasure trip.

P. 48. Busy in photography.

P. 49. Friedrich Blochey came up from Basel -  
Delusion presents - had to put him in dress  
24th P. 49 Queen's Birthday - song in his uniform - all rest  
of officers, Doctors etc. Pasha had sent word.

P. 50. A dinner in evening for all Diplomatic people -  
Tomorrow a Ball & supper for rest of Europeans, ladies &  
gentlemen - we are asked.

P. 51. Dance at Col. Harbord's - Mr. Herbert played harmonium  
on top of house - at 11 we sat at table - left the  
Residency after 1.0 am.

P. 52. At Anara heard that Myban Shekko of Beni Lam  
flew toward the hills with only a few Arabs - rest  
have joined the other petty shekko of Beni Lam & are  
quiet on the banks of the Tigris near Ali Gharbi.

JUNE.

P. 53 Perspiration running over me as if I had been dipped in the  
River.

P. 58. 6th. Walked down to outside the Northern Gate, went to  
the NESIBIETH garden - a good property & made lately  
a place of amusement & drinking, with a Band Stand built in  
the middle.

P. 59. Tom Blochey, Cardini, & Milici, Alice Capt. Powell, young  
& young going with us as far as Jeraah.

P. 60. Wrecked steamer Jagra of the Turkish wh. broke down  
in the Gulf - only the Hull remains.

62. Took off guns from Akas - starting - no Turkish  
steamers gone up for a long time
- P. 64. Treats of photography
65. Reyehi Sekir's house broken into by thieves
- P. 67. 25<sup>th</sup>. Sultan's Birthday - 21 guns fired from the  
Barracks of the Garrison of Amara.
- July 1<sup>st</sup>. P. 70. Had gr. difficulty in getting through reef cut  
canal below boat - getting v. shallow - soil underneath is  
hard clay, the old river is blocking up fast.
- 7<sup>th</sup>. P. 72. Reyehi's garden shut - Persian in Dr. Kenneth's garden  
near the Kadumani gate. - Rather dull day - dusty.
- 8<sup>th</sup>. P. 73. A new Fr. vessel 17.5. Ghise
- P. 74. The Mesul bought-up carriages, charrs, & other table  
services for the Pasha - sent from Constantinople by the  
Sultan in the 'Batul' which arrived in Basrah  
last Monday. Intended for use of Sheik of Persia  
who intends coming on a pilgrimage in about 50 days.
- P. 75. Eclipse of the moon - total.
- P. 77. S. V. Baylhad going up - towing a small steamer  
about 60' worked with hydraulic pump - wh. came  
up in the 'Elizabeth' - Flag on mast head,  
Pasha on board.
- P. 78. Abdulla bin Ali Abdullah of Sectah Semi shot dead

in the Bayceer by some  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. of Arab Horsemen - not yet  
 appointed of the Gov - too weak to exercise any serious  
 authority.

- P. 80 nearly out board - could not get over a shoal - had to land  
 some cargo & passengers worked hard in heaving over with anchors  
 & chains on her bow
- P. 81. 17th day of March - Hajid Pasha - going up to B'dad in S. B'dad.  
 last trip died on his way at last.
- P. 87 News of the war - French taken Sunbuck
- P. 89 A wild noise.
- P. 90 Passed Baghdadiah Fort - view of a tremendous plain.
- P. 91. Quarrel with Capt. Halled about carrying away some pieces of  
 silver cloth on Souldai's floor.
- P. 93 With his father to speak to the Colonel about leaving Dyleh.
- P. 93 15<sup>th</sup> Holy Day end of Recep. Mr. Consul received no news  
 on account of Mr. defect of the Provision.
- P. 95. Mr. Pasha left town yesterday to go up Tigrates R. with  
 troops against Arabs who killed some people belonging to the  
 Turkish steamer on their way to Haysa.
- P. 95 Two young lions with their mother passed Baghdadiah Fort.

P. 101 Fatten's system.

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P. 103 Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Alfred Holland arrived in Geneva from Eng.  
9 yrs. in Eng. - now 17.

P. 104 News by Telegraph Napoleon a prisoner submitted to Prussians

P. 109. Blockys Treats & Scolda family, all encamped at  
Lyons' encamp<sup>ing</sup> place.

P. 109. Mr. Roden became offered <sup>Gov.</sup> Agency of Basrah in place of  
Julius Roche for the navigation of the sea steamer.  
- Refused: "clerical".

P. 110. 15<sup>th</sup>. Dined at Blockys' - his purchase - Dinner & etc.

P. 116. Champagne on board the Dylek & Geneva - Capt Holland  
had bought pair Capt. Philips

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P. 122. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. One of the Turkish small steamers wh. they  
were building in the opposite side of the River, has been  
launched yesterday.